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Inventors: BYRUM, *et al.*
Art Unit: 1635
Examiner: Lacourciere, K.
Atty. Docket: 16517.001/38-21(15075)B

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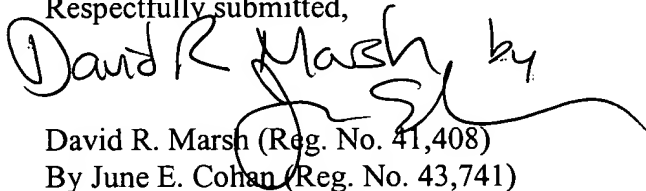
The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111
2. A return postcard.

The U.S. Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824 under our reference number 16517.001/38-21(15075)B.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier.

Respectfully submitted,


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2001, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 9), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824.